



Drawing of planned duplexes courtesy of Hunt Corporation, El Paso, Texas.

Kirtland AFB privatized housing raises questions

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As the deadline approaches for families to sign a lease to continue living in base housing, many families have lingering concerns and important questions about Kirtland’s AFB’s housing privatization project.

Here are a few of the most frequently asked questions from around the base concerning the project:

Housing Office

How will I be charged rent?

Rent will be equal to the member’s Basic Allowance for Housing with dependents.

The occupant will be required to pay rent directly to the private management company by an established direct military pay allotment.

Will I have to pay utilities?

After the first year, Pershing Park and the newly constructed units will have metered gas and electric. The member will pay these utilities directly to the Public Service Company of New Mexico.

After the first year, rent for these two areas will be Basic Allowance for Housing minus a Utility Allowance. Water, sewer and refuse collection will be included in the member’s rent.

Maxwell, Zia and West Capehart will have all utilities included in the rent.

How is my utility allowance calculated?

A utility allowance will be taken from the

member’s Basic Allowance for Housing to enable them to pay the gas and electric bill directly to the private company.

The monthly utility allowance will be calculated as 110 percent of the estimated average annual utility consumption for each housing type at Pershing Park and each type of newly constructed unit multiplied by the utility rate.

Statistically, more people should “pocket” money rather than pay extra.

You can reach the housing office for additional questions at 846-8217.

Finance

How will Basic Allowance for Housing work for military-married-to-military families?

In the case of military to military marriages, members will receive the off-base Basic Allowance for Housing entitlement that military to military families are currently authorized.

For instance, if both military members are entitled to single rate Basic Allowance for Housing for living off-base today, they will both continue to receive single rate Basic Allowance for Housing if they choose to live in privatized housing.

How much rent will military-married-to-military families have to pay?

The rent structure for military-married-to-military families will be set based on the pay grade for the senior ranking member of the family at the

“with-dependent” rate regardless of whether or not any one of the military member’s is entitled to “with-dependent” rate Basic Allowance for Housing.

If you have a finance question, call 846-8045.

Traffic Management

Will the military pay to move my household goods?

It depends. If you choose to remain living on base and must move due to the housing project, your move will be paid for.

You could also do a do-it-yourself move and receive 95 percent of what the government would pay a local contractor.

If, however, you decide you do not want to sign a lease and want to reside off base, you must pay for your own move.

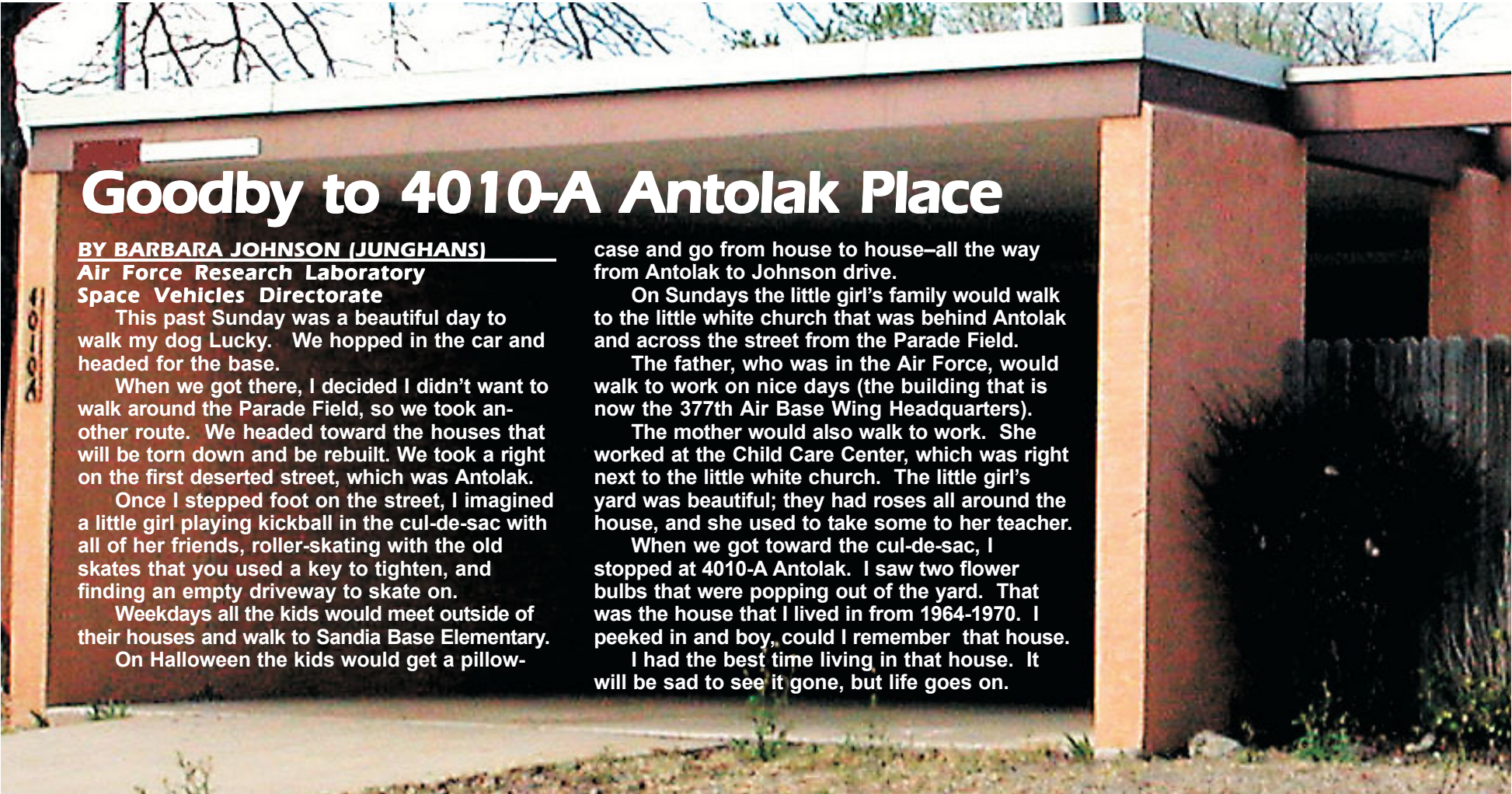
If you have a question for the Traffic Management Flight, call 846-1858.

For additional information, visit the housing or finance office and pick up a pamphlet of additional questions and answers. The housing office updates the list weekly.

The Kirtland AFB Web site also has many informative links about the housing project.

In addition to questions and answers, you can view the presentation from last town hall meeting or take a virtual tour of the new homes.

There is a direct link on the Kirtland AFB homepage at www.kirtland.af.mil.



Goodby to 4010-A Antolak Place

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This past Sunday was a beautiful day to walk my dog Lucky. We hopped in the car and headed for the base.

When we got there, I decided I didn't want to walk around the Parade Field, so we took another route. We headed toward the houses that will be torn down and be rebuilt. We took a right on the first deserted street, which was Antolak.

Once I stepped foot on the street, I imagined a little girl playing kickball in the cul-de-sac with all of her friends, roller-skating with the old skates that you used a key to tighten, and finding an empty driveway to skate on.

Weekdays all the kids would meet outside of their houses and walk to Sandia Base Elementary. On Halloween the kids would get a pillow-

case and go from house to house—all the way from Antolak to Johnson drive.

On Sundays the little girl's family would walk to the little white church that was behind Antolak and across the street from the Parade Field.

The father, who was in the Air Force, would walk to work on nice days (the building that is now the 377th Air Base Wing Headquarters).

The mother would also walk to work. She worked at the Child Care Center, which was right next to the little white church. The little girl's yard was beautiful; they had roses all around the house, and she used to take some to her teacher.

When we got toward the cul-de-sac, I stopped at 4010-A Antolak. I saw two flower bulbs that were popping out of the yard. That was the house that I lived in from 1964-1970. I peeked in and boy, could I remember that house.

I had the best time living in that house. It will be sad to see it gone, but life goes on.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Erin Smith

Community Assessment Survey tells 'helpers' what is needed

The Community Helping Agencies Team Working Group is sponsoring the 2003 Community Assessment Survey of servicemembers and spouses.

The information collected from this survey will be used to assist the Family Support Center, Family Advocacy Program, Health and Wellness Center, Life Skills Centers, Family Member Programs, and chaplains to improve services designed to meet the needs of servicemembers and their families.

Air Force servicemembers and their spouses at Air Force bases worldwide will be randomly selected to par-

ticipate in the study. A notification letter that includes a link to the brief, Web-based survey will be sent out to the work email address of each service-member selected to participate.

Participation is crucial to the success of the project, and selected servicemembers are strongly urged to take part.

"The 2003 Community Assessment Survey is a top priority," stated Senior Master Sgt. David M. Malenky, base individual mobilization augmentee administrator. "It is the best way for us to listen to servicemembers and then provide services to help them

meet the special needs of Reserves and their families. It allows them to express their opinions anonymously so participants can respond openly and honestly to issues that affect them every day."

The survey will be sent to a wide range of active duty, Reserve and Guard members. Survey responses can influence family services and related support activities at bases and throughout the Air Force.

Results from previous community assessments have impacted the policies and programs that support families at every level of the Air Force, including:

- ★ Increase commander understanding of challenges faced by spouses when members deploy
 - ★ Increasing opportunities to socialize and participate in on- and off-base activities
- "The 2003 Community Assessment Survey provides servicemembers and spouses a wonderful opportunity to improve the Air Force community," said Malenky. We hope those selected will do everything they can to respond to the survey as quickly as possible."
- If you have any questions call Jennifer Špurgin, 846-1902.